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## CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

April 30, 1825—Marquis de LaFayette visited Keokuk and was entertained by elaborate reception and banquet.

### "BUY A BABY."

Want a baby? A baby warranted sound of limb, gentle of manner, and of the best stock in the world? Blond or brunette, but mostly the latter, with hair straight or curly, boy or girl, anywhere from two to twelve years old?

They're on the market, going cheap and going fast. The New York Woman's Exchange sold a special lot of 48 the other day, and has put in a rush order for more. They went at \$36 apiece, and there are said to be plenty of available at the same price.

They're French war orphans—the little sons and daughters of soldiers killed in battle in one of the noblest and bravest fights ever waged for human freedom. The supply is said to be practically inexhaustible, for it's being continually replenished. Anybody herabouts who wants to get into the game can easily do so.

Just drop a line to the French embassy at Washington, or the French war relief headquarters in Washington or New York or Chicago, or the New York Woman's Exchange which handled the batch above mentioned. If they can't take care of the order directly, they'll forward it to the proper headquarters. You'll get a set of photographs, and you can take your choice. You learn the child's personal history, too.

You don't really buy the child. You don't even adopt it, except in an indirect, long-distance sort of way. You merely agree to assume the expense of maintaining and educating the child. Your \$36 pays all necessary expenses for one year.

After a while we may have a lot of our own war orphans to support, but that's all the more reason for getting in on this fine philanthropy now. The French orphans, anyhow, are morally our. Their fathers died in a cause that we have made our own. And we are far better able to bear the burden than their own countrymen are.

While we're contributing money for all sort of war relief, why not for this?

### THE MOST PATRIOTIC STATE.

Perhaps it is wrong to make voluntary enlistment a test of patriotism for either an individual or a state. But it's a pretty good standard just the same. And judged by this standard, Nevada has the proud distinction of being the most patriotic state in the Union.

Nevada was the first state to provide its quota of volunteers in answer to the president's call to recruit the regular army to its full war strength. That recruiting campaign began April 1. Nevada supplied more than its full quota in 85 days.

Next on the honor roll came Oregon, with 59 per cent of its quota raised in the same period; Indiana, with 45 per cent; and Utah, with 40 per cent.

The East in general failed to shine by comparison with the West and Middle West. New York came half way down the list, with less than 15 per cent. The New England states particularly failed to distinguish themselves, despite their patriotic tradition and their eagerness for war. In 25 days Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut together only produced 1,417 volunteers.

The South hung back, too, with two or three notable exceptions—Georgia, with over 20 per cent, ranking seventh, and Florida with 21 per cent running close to California. Kentucky surpassed all the eastern states except Pennsylvania.

The most unvolunteering state of all was Vermont, with 2 1/2 per cent. At that rate it would take Vermont three years to provide enough soldiers

## SAVE THE TREES.

The White Pine Blister Rust and a Warning and an Appeal.

The American Forestry association has issued a warning and appeal for co-operation in fighting the disease known as the white pine blister rust that threatens the destruction of all the white pine and other five leaved pine trees in the United States.

This disease has already appeared in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota and in Quebec and Ontario.

There is no known cure for it. It kills the white pines infected, and it spreads steadily. The spores or seeds are blown from diseased pines to current and gooseberry bushes. They germinate on the leaves of these bushes. The leaves then produce millions of spores or seeds of the disease, which are blown by the wind from the bushes to the pines, and these, even those several miles distant from the nearest bushes, are infected, become diseased and die.

The white pines in New England are worth \$75,000,000. In the lake states \$295,000,000, in western states \$300,000,000 and in the national forests \$20,000,000, or a total of \$825,000,000.

Unless the ravages of the white pine blister rust are stopped these pines will be destroyed.

The American Forestry association urges people in all the regions where the disease has been discovered to destroy at once all current and gooseberry bushes, diseased pines and others exposed to infection. This will help stop the spread of the disease.

The great forests of dead and dying chestnut in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts stand today mute but convincing witnesses to the fact that such diseases must be checked, if at all, in their early stages.

The pine growth of this country is far more valuable than the chestnut ever was, and the damage the blister rust may do is accordingly greater than the injury that has been or can be wrought by the chestnut blight. But experience proves that the ravages of the blister rust can be, if taken in season, stopped much easier than the chestnut blight. In a number of places where started it has been nearly or entirely eradicated. May the pine forests of America be saved and not neglected as the chestnut until it is too late.—Tree Talk.

### In a French War Hospital.

Serving a community of fifty a three course meal—soup, roast and vegetables and dessert—is a man size proposition, says Elizabeth Frazer in the Saturday Evening Post. Serving it on tea tables, often cutting up the food and feeding the armless patients, further complicates the task. The first day I completely lost my head. My clamorous young brood, nine of whom were under twenty-two, reminded me of nothing so much as a nestful of yawning baby robins waiting to be fed.

It was: "Look out for my leg, mees!" "More bread, mees!" "My serviette, mees!" "Have you forgotten me, mees?" "My soup's tipped into my bed! I'm afraid, mees!" And all in a rapid bubble of French that made my head spin. At last in sheer desperation I addressed them in the American language: "You darned kids—shut up!"

### The Little Oyster Crab.

The captain of a foreign ship, in port at Baltimore, at an entertainment given by friends was delighted with the oysters which were on the menu. Just before the ship sailed these friends sent to it several barrels of these oysters as a present to the captain. When he made the trip back to this country his friends asked him how he liked the oysters. He said: "Don't you know, we had to throw nearly all of them overboard. They were no good. Practically every one of them had a live insect on the inside, and, knowing they were not fit to eat, we let the whole lot go to Davy Jones." Investigation showed that the insect was the little oyster crab, which is a great delicacy, preferred by many to the oysters themselves, and which the epicure knows as a sure guarantee of the quality of the bivalve. It was a good joke on those sending and the one receiving the present, at which neither side laughed very much.—Christian Herald.

One pair of potato beetles may have 60,000,000 descendants in a single season.

To give us an army of 300,000 men. If we had 48 Nevadas, the volunteer system might work—provided the volunteers were properly sifted and assigned to the tasks they were best fitted for. What would happen if the fate of the nation were left to 48 Vermonts—or 45 Delawares or Marylands or New Mexicos—may be left to conjecture.

The Illinois legislature is to be commended for its close attention to legislation which will permit any qualified voter to vote by mail if forced to be away from the county on election or primary day. Such legislation has long been needed and it is encouraging that a bill to this effect has already passed the Illinois senate. The legislative reference bureau is now drawing a special bill which will apply to members of military organizations and will permit voting by companies. This measure will be introduced next week. There should be no opposition to legislation of this kind and it now appears that absent voters will receive full consideration from the present Illinois legislature.

# The BACKYARD FARMER

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## WHY BLOSSOMS ARE COLORED.

One of the greatest advantages of modern school methods, as compared with the school methods our parents survived, is that they teach the children to observe many things which the parents have never even stopped to think about. Take the blossoms of our many beautiful flowering plants, for example. Everyone has marveled at the multitude of shapes and hues to be found in the various blossoms, but how many of us ever wondered why the flower petals are brightly colored, while the calyx and the leaves are green?

Almost everyone could guess that it was to aid the bees and butterflies in finding the honey bearing portion of the plant, but the pity is that so many of us never even thought of the problem.

Beautiful colors do more to make the world happy than any other thing, in all probability. Their effect upon the average person may not be so great as that of beautiful music, but the colors occur so much more frequently than the music, and are available to so many more people, that music must take second place as a world beautifier.

May it not be that the glory of the blossoms has been meant to effect an even greater purpose than that of self propagation? I believe that it was meant to make you and me happier and the leaves were colored green to set off the beautiful blossoms, and keep the weary eye of the man.

There are many wondrous things to be learned in nature, and I am glad that my children and yours are going to know more about them than we do. With a love of nature and an understanding of many of her intricate ways, no one will ever grow dependent or faint hearted. It is the greatest preventive of suicide in the world.

Can you tell why some plants produce flowers of different shades during the same season? Did you know that the honey bees feed on only one kind of flower until they have a load ready for the hive, so as not to mix their drinks? Here is where the color of the blossom adds them most, and it also proves that bees either have a well developed sense of color, or an acute sense of smell.

Sometimes part of the flower petals are green and sometimes there are no petals at all, but in the latter case there is no need of bees transferring the pollen from flower to flower, so nature makes no effort to attract them.

Certain plants have highly colored leaves and dull hued blossoms, but most of these are tropical plants which do many strange and inexplicable things. The color in the leaves and petals is derived from small cells in which the plant foods and the oxygen are digested. There is no digestive process carried on in the petals, however. If my memory fails not, and the chlorophyll cells in the leaves do most of this work. Their color fades if they do not have access to sunlight and air, but these conditions do not seem to affect the color of the blossoms materially.

Cricketer-Clergyman and Alma Dich. Skill at cricket may help a person to win the hearts of his flock, but it cannot often be directly helpful in his clerical duties. Rev. E. S. Carter, however, does record one case. When he went to York Minster as vicar choral, the dean, Mr. Dancombe, did not like his playing cricket.

But one Sunday morning, as Mr. Carter took the altar dish from the choirboys, who did the collecting, one of the awkward collecting boys with three wooden handles fell off. Mr. Carter instinctively fielded it, catching it neatly with his right hand while he held the heavy dish steady in his left.

After the service the dean said with a smile, "Well, Mr. Carter, I see there are some advantages in being able to play cricket."—London Daily Mail.

### Mapped His Course in Life.

The monotony of the adjudicator's task in an easy competition is somewhat relieved by the unconscious humor contained in many of the papers. One boy of eleven summers, writing on "What I Wish to become When I Am a Man," expressed a desire for a miner's career, then proceeded: "When I grow up I will lead a Christian life, if my evil spirits do not get too far on me. I will not gamble, nor will I go in the summer time to the races and bet all my money, and leave my wife without any money, and every week or so I will put a pound or so in the bank. I will take it out and enjoy myself, and if I have much money to take me to London I will go and see the Oxford crew and Cambridge crew racing on the Thames, and I will bet on the Oxford crew."—London Standard.

### Too Often.

George Ade, in his quality of cynical bachelor, said at the Chicago Athletic club: "I was sitting with a little girl of eight the other afternoon. She looked up from her Hans Anderson and said: 'Does m-r-a-g-e spell marriage, Mr. Ade?' 'Yes, my child,' said I."

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Jam For Breakfast.  
People who like to eat pastry or other irregular dishes for breakfast should be counselled to learn that no less a man than Herbert Spencer ate strawberry jam at his morning meal. He did it to avoid monotony, believing that digestion was best served by keeping the stomach entertained with variety. He is said to have told of a man who went into a decline from a too steady diet of mutton chops.

Comparison.  
"Sometimes I think a street car is better than an automobile," remarked Mr. Chiggius. "Why?" "When a street car goes wrong you can blame the company, but with an automobile you've got to take all the responsibility yourself."—Washington Star.

Grammar and Greed.  
Mrs. Feenish says that if she could have another chance she would rather marry a man who splits his infinitives than one who hates to break a dime.—Galveston News.

## PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Catarrh.  
Take a common pitcher or any old narrow vessel holding a quart or more. Heat it thoroughly and fill three-quarters full of steaming, boiling water. Add instantly one or two teaspoonfuls of oil of tar. Then inhale the steam through the nostrils and exhale through the mouth. Put the nose well down in the pitcher and take a deep, full inhalation, letting the air pass out through a very small opening of the lips. Continue this ten or twenty minutes three times a day. Drink a cupful of hot water after each treatment; also a quarter of half hour before breakfast. This simple remedy has proved effective in so many cases that it may well repay a sufferer from this disagreeable affliction to give it a trial.

Selenium Is Sensitive.  
By substituting a selenium cell for the human eye at the telescope M. Fournie d'Albe believes it would be possible to detect stars five magnitudes fainter than any now observable. Thus enormously increasing the powers of the greatest instruments. Theoretically a selenium cell of sixteen square inches would register the light of a twenty-eighth magnitude star, but this would require longer exposure—several days—than would be practicable.

Philip's Reminder.  
Philip, father of Alexander, had a servant whose sole business it was to remind him that he was human. It is said accordingly that he never went from the house and, having returned, never gave audience to any one without first this servant saying to him three times in a loud voice, "Philip, thou art but a man!"

Right in Line.  
"Have your millions enabled your children to marry well?"  
"Rather. My daughter married a cabaret dancer and my son is engaged to a prominent chorus girl. We're headed for the best society now."—Pittsburgh Post.

No Enthusiasm.  
"Your friend did not appear to be enthusiastic when I spoke of a coming wireless age."  
"No wonder. He is a wire walker in a circus."—Baltimore American.

A Cumbersome Cure.  
"But a quackery every time you want a drink," advised an exchange, but who the dickens wants to go tagging around with a water bucketful of quackeries on his arm?—Marion Telegraph.

Putting His Foot in It.  
She—Don't be disappointed, Richard, even if father does say you'll be young enough to marry five years from now. He—Oh, I don't care for myself, but how about you?—Exchange.

In College Towns.  
"What is the rent of your room, Henry?" I suppose they ask a lot for it."  
"Yes, all the time."—Harvard Lampoon.

Justice without wisdom is impossible.—Proverb.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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## BIDS FOR COAL.

Scaled bids will be received by the undersigned until Monday, May 7, 1917, at 9 a. m., for coal, as follows:  
2,000 tons screened lump, more or less.  
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2,000 tons nut, more or less.  
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A certified check of 10 per cent. of the amount of the bid to accompany each bid.  
The checks to be retained until 15 days after the date of the award.  
W. W. CURTIS,  
City Clerk.

Might Do All Right.  
Philosophers tell us that to brighten the world with smiles, which would be all right were there not so many people who are happy only when they have something to make them sob.—Toledo Blade.



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## SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink lots of water and stop eating meat for a while if your bladder troubles you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and lousy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water seals and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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